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Stan: The Director would like to talk to you about the attached. We have set up an appointment for 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, 25 July.

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The normally "hush hush" Central
Intelligence Agency has burst into
the headlines via some superlative
failures. What is its future?

CIA: How Super the Sleuths?

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After the passengers left the Russian Aeroflot liner at Vienna, ground crew came aboard to clean up. There was the usual litter -- a battered magazine, paper napkins, empty bottles, a bent coat hanger -- and all went into a box of trash. A few hours later the airport garbage concessionaire, en route to the dump, stopped to deliver this box of Soviet trash to a man willing to pay for it. The man was an agent for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Sifting through the trash, the CIA agent spotted the coat hanger. He wrapped it, along with several other items, *for further examination* and left it in a locker in a railroad station. When the package arrived at the nearest CIA

• Hanger was more valuable than diamonds.

CIA knew that the Russians were building a powerful long-range bomber. They did not know its range or bombload, but they did know that shavings from the machining of the wing ^{had been} ~~were~~ remelted and made into a particular type of coat hanger. At last, ~~the~~ CIA had obtained one. By chemical tests and spectroanalysis, the agency learned exactly what metals were being used in the wing of the plane. The formula for the alloy was the last piece in the puzzle; with that, CIA's experts in aircraft engineering could tell both the range and bombload of this Soviet bomber.

The little-publicized case of the Red coat hanger ^{is} ~~was~~ typical of the CIA at its best. Unfortunately, the CIA has recently suffered two spectacular defeats. One was in Laos, where ~~the~~ CIA decided to support Gen. Phoumi Nosavan, mainly on the ground that he was strongly anti-communist. He was, but ~~the~~ CIA overlooked the fact that he also was politically unpopular and that his army was almost worthless.

The other humiliation was in Cuba, where ~~the~~ CIA clearly failed to grasp the political realities of the situation. One day after the defeat

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